

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appln. No: 10/567,267
Applicant: Hugh Thomson
Filed: June 27, 2008
Title: VEHICLE SAFETY DEVICE
T.C./A.U.: 3636
Examiner: Phillip Gabler
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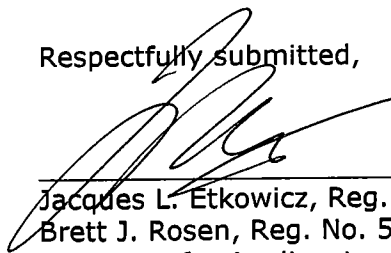
SUMMARY OF EXAMINER INTERVIEW

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants appreciate the time and courtesy extended by the Examiner during the Examiner Interview conducted by telephone on January 11, 2011. The Examiner Interview was attended by Jacques L. Etkowicz (Reg. No. 41,738), Brett J. Rosen (Reg. No. 56,047) and Examiner Phillip Gabler. During the interview, Mr. Rosen pointed out that none of the prior art references of record disclose or suggest the following feature of claim 1: "wherein the releasable straps that are mounted to the waist and shoulder portions of the device are positioned on the device to accommodate a diagonally extending strap of the seat belt." The Examiner countered that the vest disclosed in DE3301385 to Bimboese is capable of performing the above-identified feature of claim 1. Mr. Rosen then explained why reorienting Bimboese's waist belt clip to receive a diagonally extending shoulder belt might render it incapable of receiving the waist belt, and, for at least that reason, there would be no reason to modify Bimboese's waist belt clip to receive a diagonally extending shoulder belt. No agreement was reached.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Etkowicz', is written over a horizontal line.

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